

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A foot-operated input unit for use with a computer to enable, ~~which forms~~ a dictating machine, the foot-operated input unit comprising:

a processor configured to (1) enable foot-operated control information input for operation of the dictating machine, (2) enable a connection for connecting the foot-operated input unit to the computer, wherein control information is delivered to the computer using the connection, and (3) enable a digital data bus link coupled to the connection, wherein the connection device is arranged for receiving the audio information as digital audio data from the computer and delivering the control information as control data to the computer using the digital data bus link; and

a headphone or loudspeaker ~~coupled~~ connected to the foot-operated input unit, wherein audio information from the dictating machine is delivered to headphones or loudspeaker;

~~a connection for connecting the foot-operated input unit to the computer, wherein control information is delivered to the computer using the connection;~~

~~a digital data bus link coupled to the connection, wherein the connection device is arranged for receiving the audio information as digital audio data from the computer and delivering the control information as control data to the computer using the digital data bus link.~~

2. (Previously Presented) An input unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein audio processor processes the audio information received from the connection and delivers an analog audio signal for the headphones or loudspeaker respectively, to the connection.

3. (Previously Presented) An input unit as claimed in claim 2, wherein the connection is arranged for setting up a USB data link.
4. (Previously Presented) An input unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein a loudspeaker is provided and the audio processor is arranged for delivering the analog audio signal to a built-in loudspeaker.
5. (Previously Presented) An input unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein connection is arranged for setting up a digital data bus link over a radio-frequency radio link.
6. (Previously Presented) An input unit as claimed in claim 5, wherein the connection are arranged for setting up a radio-frequency radio link corresponding to Bluetooth protocol.